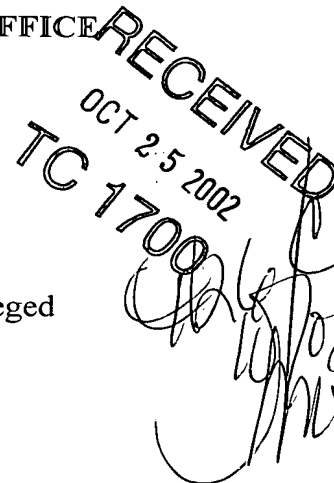




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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

In the Claims:

Please enter this claim amendment:

1. (Amended) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet, which comprises a laminate of a thermoplastic resin film and a fiber-containing porous substrate, said stencil sheet satisfying $0.150 \leq T-H$ wherein T means an arithmetic average value ($g \cdot cm/cm$) of absolute values of KES bending torque in lengthwise direction of the stencil sheet at curvatures of $+2.3$ and $-2.3 (cm^{-1})$, H means a bending hysteresis ($g \cdot cm/cm$), and T-H means a residual torque ($g \cdot cm/cm$).

Please add claims 9 and 10: